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CSS/Flagship Programmes
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) including flagship programmes being implemented at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to restructure/reduce the existing CSS/Additional Central Assistance (ACA) Schemes and programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise along with the details of targets and allocations made, funds allocated, disbursed and utilized to these schemes during the 12th Five Year Plan;

(d) whether the several State Governments raised the issue of assigning greater role to the State in formulating CSS; and

(e) If so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING
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(a) to (c) : In June 2013, Government of India rationalized CSS, which inter-alia includes restructuring of the then existing 142 CSS/Additional Central Assistance Schemes in the Twelfth Five-Year Plan into 66 Schemes, including 17 Flagship Programmes. The details of 66 Centrally Sponsored Schemes are given at Annexure-A. Financial Target i.e. total outlay of the 12th Five Year Plan and year-wise outlay & releases for the major Centrally Sponsored Schemes / programmes i.e. flagship programmes during the 12th Five year are given at Annexure-B. However, in the budgetary provision for 2015-16, existing CSSs have been classified into four categories. (Relevant extract of the budgetary provision for 2015-16 is enclosed at Annexure-C).

Category A: Centrally Sponsored Schemes placed in this category are proposed to be implemented with full central support. (17 existing CSS).

Category B: Funding pattern of Centrally Sponsored Schemes placed in this category are proposed to be changed. (33 existing CSS).

Category C: Centrally Sponsored Schemes placed in this category are delinked from union support and States may decide to continue or not from their own resources. (8 existing CSS).

Category D: Schemes placed in this category are part of devolution to the States or have been restructured and amalgamated among schemes in A, B or C. (8 existing CSS).

The allocation/releases of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes to the State Governments are made by the Administrative Ministries/Departments concerned as per the scheme guidelines and also on the basis of timely submission of utilization certificates and mobilization of contribution of the State Governments. However, as per information available with NITI Aayog, the financial target i.e. total outlay of the 12th Five Year Plan and year-wise outlay & releases for the major programmes i.e flagship programmes during the 12th Five year are given at Annexure- B.

(d) to (e) : As per decision taken in the first meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog, held on February 8, 2015, a Sub-Group of Chief Ministers on Rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes was constituted. The terms of reference of the sub-group include : (i) To examine the existing CSSs and recommend measures for ensuring that their implementation is streamlined and adequately flexible; (ii)In light of the Finance Commission recommendations, the increased devolution of taxes to States and the higher revenue deficit grants, to suggest reforms of the schemes which are being continued under CSS; (iii)To recommend appropriate measures for coordination between the Centre and the States and among the States for achieving the objectives of the schemes; (iv) Any other measures related to the schemes to strengthen the national development agenda and ensure outcomes.

In course of deliberations, the Sub-Group sought the suggestions from States/UTs. The suggestions received from State Governments include framing of guidelines of CSS, flexibility including an increase in flexi fund, monitoring and larger role of the States in CSS. These suggestions of the State Governments along with the views of Central Ministries were submitted for the consideration of the Sub-Group. The Report of the Sub-Group on Rationalization of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes has been submitted to the Government.